PRISMIQ

MediaPlayer User Guide

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PRISMIQ MediaManager Software

The PRISMIQ MediaManager software installs from the PRISMIQ CD onto your Windows-based PC and allows you to organize and set up content for the MediaPlayer. You can manage your media files and many other functions from this software, including: MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4 or AVI* video files; MP3, WMA, and WAV audio files; Internet radio stations; and JPEG image files. You can also set up custom information (live weather, stocks, etc.) for display on the MediaPlayer Home screen on the TV.

This section assumes that you have already installed the PRISMIQ MediaManager software using the instructions in the Setup Guide. If you have not done this yet, please do so now. Then return to this section to start using the MediaManager.

Overview

Media content is organized into the following categories:

My Media Files

Contains all video, audio, image and Internet radio station files imported to the MediaManager. This is one of the two top level categories, along with "My Custom Info."

- **All Video**
  A subset of "My Media Files," containing video files.

- **All Audio**
  A subset of "My Media Files," containing audio files and Internet radio station listings.

- **Internet Radio**
  A place to add your favorite Internet radio stations (for example, http://www.shoutcast.com). Default stations are provided.

- **All Images**
  A subset of "My Media Files," containing JPEG digital photos.

- **Playlists and Slideshows**
  Create, edit, and delete Playlists, which contain selected video or audio files from "My Media Files." "Internet Radio" appears as a selection on the Audio Playlist in the MediaPlayer. You can also create and edit image Slideshows using JPEG images and adding audio.

- **Watched Folders**
  A tool that will automatically scan and save, without user intervention, assigned PC directories and categorize files into Playlists and Slideshows.

* AVI is a general audio-video format designator. The PRISMIQ MediaPlayer can play Motion-JPEG (OpenDML) and DivX® encoded video files. DivX is a registered trademark of DivX Networks. The DivX video playback technology provided in the PRISMIQ MediaPlayer is not provided or approved by DivX Networks and may result in a lower quality video and audio output than a DivX branded solution.

My Custom Info

Contains all customizable Web, stock, and weather information that displays on the MediaPlayer Home screen. This is one of the two top level categories, along with "My Media Files."

- **Web Bookmarks**
  Add, edit, and delete your favorite Web sites.

- **Stock Data**
  Add and delete stock market information to display on the MediaPlayer Home screen.

- **Weather Locale**
  Enter your zip code, city, and state for local weather information to display on the MediaPlayer Home screen. In Canada, enter your postal code, city and province.

About Video, Audio, Image and Internet Radio Station Files

To make your video, audio, image, and Internet radio station files available for play on the MediaPlayer, you must first scan them into MediaManager. Refer to the "My Media Files" in the MediaManager section on page 8 for details.

Once you've scanned and saved your files, you can organize them into Playlists and Slideshows. Refer to the "Video and Audio Playlists and Image Slideshows" section on page 10 for details.

In addition to your saved playlists, you can also set up "Watched Folders" that MediaManager will scan regularly for new and changed media files.

Note: Image files can be organized into Slideshows. Please see "Slideshows" in the MediaManager section on page 12 for more details.

Right-click Menus

Throughout the MediaManager software, right-clicking brings up a context menu (or series of menus) with more options. For example, you can right-click on "All Audio" and choose to add a new Playlist, or right-click on a video file and choose to delete the file, or you can right-click on an Internet radio station file to play that station.

Double-clicking on MediaManager Content

When you double-click on a **video, audio, image, or Internet radio station file**, the file will open in the Windows application that you've associated for that type of media.

When you double-click on a **Web bookmark**, your Web browser will open with the Web site you saved.

When you double-click on a **stock symbol** or **weather location**, your Web browser will open with stock market or weather information.

Display of Media Content Information

You can change the way media content information is displayed in the following ways:

- **Column Order**
  Drag a column left or right past other columns to change the order in which it appears.

- **Column Size**
  Drag the border between columns left or right to change the size of columns.

- **Item Sort**
  Click on a column header to sort items in ascending or descending order.

- **Manual Sort**
  Drag and drop files within Playlists/Slideshows to adjust the order of files to your liking.

Resizing the MediaManager Window

Click and drag the lower right corner of the MediaManager window to increase or decrease its size. (Or you can select the minimize or maximize buttons _ / ▢ in the top right corner of the MediaManager window.)

Starting MediaManager

To start MediaManager:

- Double-click the PRISMIQ MediaManager icon in the system tray (lower right corner of desktop).

– OR –

- Use the Windows "Start" menu to locate "PRISMIQ MediaManager" in the "Programs" menu, and click on it.

The MediaManager window appears.
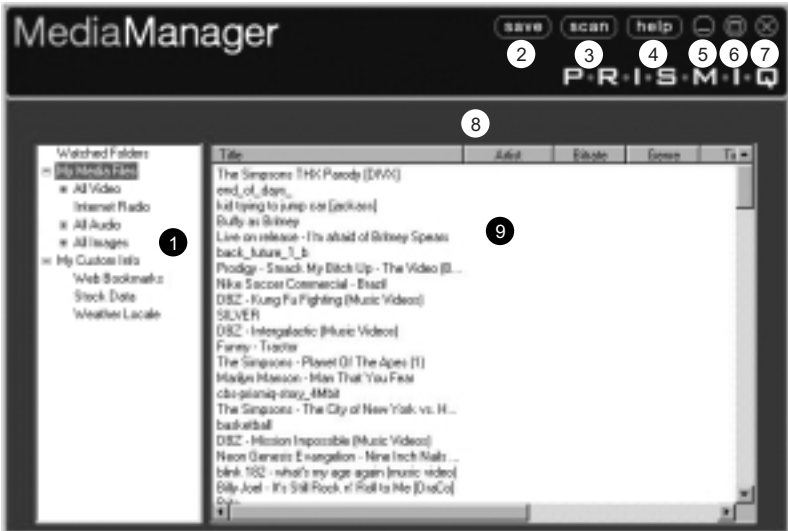
1 Media categories.

2 Save any changes (such as new Playlists).

3 Search and scan for media files to incorporate into MediaManager.

4 Display instructions on how to use MediaManager software (Adobe Acrobat Reader required).

5 Minimize the MediaManager window.

6 Maximize the MediaManager window.

7 Close the MediaManager window and exit the MediaManager program.

8 Change column order, size, or item sort.

9 Items in a media category.

My Media Files

To begin managing video, audio, and image files as well as Internet radio source locations, you must first scan them into the MediaManager program. The resulting list will display in the top level category "My Media Files." While these files are all handled similarly, you'll find a separate section for Internet radio stations. Audio and video files are categorized into Playlists, and photos and images are categorized into Slideshows.

To scan your media files to the MediaManager:

1. Click the "Scan" button in the top right of the window to search for media files to bring into the MediaManager. Media files are **not** moved or deleted from their original location. The "Browse for Folder" menu appears.

2. Once you find the folder that contains the media files you want to add, click on that folder name. The folder name is highlighted.

3. Click the "OK" button. The menu for selecting what type of files to find appears.

4. Check which media types to find (e.g., MP3, MPEG, JPEG, etc.).

5. Click the "OK" button.

The media files in the folder you selected appear in the MediaManager window.

• To select several files at once, hold down the SHIFT or CTRL key while choosing files.

Note: MediaManager supports the following media file types:
      For Video: MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, VOB, and AVI*
      For Audio: MP3, WMA, WAV, AC3, MPEG audio
      For Images: JPEG

* AVI files currently played are DivX® compatible. DivX is a registered trademark of DivX Networks. The DivX video playback technology provided in the PRISMIQ MediaPlayer is not provided or approved by DivX Networks, and may result in a lower quality video and audio output than a Divx branded solution.

To delete media files from "My Media Files":

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Click on "My Media Files." This highlights "My Media Files."
2. Right-click on the media file you want to delete. The right-click menu appears.
3. Select "Delete."
4. A set of dialog boxes will prompt you to 1) "Remove from Playlist?" and then 2) "Move to the recycle bin?"
5. Select if you want the file to be deleted from the MediaManager and if you want the file sent to the recycle bin.
   • If you choose to "Remove from Playlist," the file will no longer appear in "My Media Files."
   • If you choose to "Move to the recycle bin," the file will no longer appear in "My Media Files," will be sent to the recycle bin, and will no longer appear in the PC's directory structure.

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the media file you want to delete. The file name is highlighted.
2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard. A set of dialog boxes will prompt you to 1) "Remove from Playlist?" and then 2) "Move to the recycle bin?"
3. Select if you want the file to be deleted from the MediaManager and if you want the file sent to the recycle bin.
   • If you choose to "Remove from Playlist," the file will no longer appear in "My Media Files."
   • If you choose to "Move to the recycle bin," the file will no longer appear in "My Media Files," will be sent to the recycle bin, and will no longer appear in the PC's directory structure.

Note: Deleting a media file from "My Media Files" will also delete it from any Playlist to which you may have added it.

   • To select several files at once, hold down the SHIFT key or Ctrl key (for multi-select) when choosing files.

Video and Audio Playlists and Image Slideshows

You can organize your video and audio files into Playlists, and image files into Slideshows. Once you've created a Playlist or Slideshow, you can add or remove files from "My Media Files." Playlists can contain only one media type – either video files *or* audio files, but not both.

To create a new Playlist:

1. In the left windowpane, highlight either All Video or All Audio, and right-click. The right-click menu appears.
2. Select "New" from the menu. A folder appears with "My new playlist" as editable text.
3. Name the Playlist.
4. Press ENTER to set the Playlist name.

The new Playlist you created is highlighted.

You can also add to Playlists automatically by using the Watched Folders feature. This function will automatically scan and save files in particular computer folders you designate whenever new files are added to it.

To scan a folder and create a new Playlist automatically:

1. Click "Scan."
2. Browse for the folder you want and select it.
3. A dialog box opens allowing you to check which media file types you want.
   - Remember, only the same file types (i.e., audio *or* video) can be incorporated into a Playlist; audio and video files cannot be combined in a Playlist.
4. Select the type you want and click OK. The folders are automatically added as a Playlist to the appropriate category (e.g., folders on the hard drive containing audio files will be added to the audio Playlists designated, and folders within a folder being scanned will be grouped into Playlists based on the Windows folder names).

Note: You can "import" playlists from third-party programs that conform to the M3U, M3Uextended or PLS playlist formats by right-clicking on "All Audio" and selecting "Import."

To add a file to your Playlist:

1. In the left windowpane, select All Video, All Audio or Internet Radio. A list of files appears in the right windowpane.

2. Right-click on the file you want to add to your Playlist. A right-click menu appears.

3. Select "Add to" and point to the Playlist you want to add this file.

4. Click on the Playlist to which you added the file. The file you added appears in your Playlist.

– OR –

You can drag and drop the file to add it to the Playlist.

1. Drag-and-drop the audio or files you want to add to the Slideshow.

2. Click "Save" found in the upper right corner of the MediaManager window.

• You can select several files at a time by using the Shift and CTRL keys and highlighting the different files you want.

To delete a file from a Playlist:

First select the Playlist you want to delete it from, then do one of the following:

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Click on "My Playlists." This highlights "My Playlists."
2. Right-click on the file you want to delete. The right-click menu appears.
3. Select "Delete."
4. A set of dialog boxes will prompt you to 1) "Remove from Playlist?" and then 2) "Move to the recycle bin?"
5. Select if you want the file to be deleted from the MediaManager and if you want the file sent to the recycle bin.

  • If you choose to "Remove from Playlist," the file will no longer appear in "My Playlists."
  • If you choose to "Move to the recycle bin," the file will no longer appear in "My Media Files," will be sent to the recycle bin, and will no longer appear in the PC's directory structure.

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the file you want to delete. The file name is highlighted.
2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard. A set of dialog boxes will prompt you to 1) "Remove from Playlist?" and then 2) "Move to the recycle bin?"
3. Select if you want the file to be deleted from the MediaManager and if you want the file sent to the recycle bin.

  • If you choose to "Remove from Playlist," the file will no longer appear in "My Playlists."
  • If you choose to "Move to the recycle bin," the file will no longer appear in "My Media Files," will be sent to the recycle bin, and will no longer appear in the PC's directory structure.

To create a Slideshow:

1. Right-click on "All Images" in the left windowpane on MediaManager. A right-click menu appears.
2. Select "New" from the menu. "My new Slideshow" appears as editable text.
3. Rename the Slideshow.
4. Press ENTER to set the Slideshow name.

The new Slideshow has been created.

To add an Image file to a Slideshow:

1. Click on All Images. All of the image files you've imported into the MediaManager appear.

2. Drag-and-drop the image files you want to add to the Slideshow.

3. Click "Save" found in the upper right corner of the MediaManager window.

Note: Alternatively, you can right-click on an image and select "Add to" to place it in a particular Slideshow.

To delete an Image file from a Slideshow:

First select the Slideshow from which you would like to delete an image, and then do one of the following:

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Right-click on the file you want to delete. The right-click menu appears.

2. Select "Delete."

3. A dialog box appears, asking "Are you sure you want to delete <filename> from the Slideshow?"

4. Select if you want the file to be deleted from the Slideshow. The image file will still appear in "All Images."

– OR –

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the file you want to delete. The file name is highlighted.

2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard. A dialog box appears, asking "Are you sure you want to delete <filename> from Slideshow?"

3. Select if you want the file to be deleted from the Slideshow. The image file will still appear in "All Images."

Additional Settings for Slideshows

After you create a Slideshow:

1. Right-click on the Slideshow you want to associate audio with when in Slideshow mode and click on "Settings." A Slideshow settings dialog box appears. This lets you align your selected slides with the corresponding audio you've selected.

2. Left-click in the checkbox for "Automatically show slides."

3. Choose a time increment between 2 and 60 seconds for the display of each image, and input that number in the box shown.

4. Left-click in the checkbox for "Play music during slideshow."

5. Select the song or playlist you want to accompany your Slideshow from the titles in the pull-down menu.

6. Click "Save" found in the upper right corner of the MediaManager window.

Note: The audio titles in the pull-down menu are a list of the audio files that you have already scanned into the MediaManager. To play audio during Slideshows, you must first scan audio files into the MediaManager. To learn how to scan audio files, please see page 8.

Internet Radio

You can select radio stations from any Web site that streams MP3 files in the "Playlist" (.pls) file format or Live365's format. They then will appear and play on the MediaPlayer as part of the "Audio" screen. Some examples of these Web sites are http://www.shoutcast.com; http://www.live365.com; http://www.radio-locator.com and http://www.somafm.com.

To add an Internet radio station:

1. Open the MediaManager and select the Internet Radio sub-category under "My Media Files."

2. Go to a Web site that streams MP3 files in the .pls file format and browse through the different stations listed.

3. Select the station you want and drag-and-drop into MediaManager. A dialog box appears asking you to enter a name for the new station in the Station Name text box. The station URL already appears in the appropriate text box.

4. Enter a name and click OK.

– OR –

1. In the Internet radio station Web site, right-click on the station you want and select "Copy Shortcut" or "Copy Link Location."

2. Select the Internet Radio folder in the MediaManager and right-click in the window. A dialog box appears asking you to enter a name and URL for the station.

3. Type in a name in the Station Name text box, and press CTRL-V to paste the copied URL to the Station URL text box.

4. Click OK.

The station URL appears in the MediaManager window and is now available at the MediaPlayer user interface on the TV.

To delete an Internet radio station:

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Open the MediaManager and find the Internet Radio sub-category.
2. Right-click on the station you want to delete. The right-click menu appears.
3. Select "Delete."

The radio station is deleted.

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the radio station URL you want to delete. The file name is highlighted.
2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard.

The radio station URL is deleted and it no longer appears in the Internet Radio list.

Watched Folders

With Watched Folders, you can select specific folders on your hard drive to be automatically scanned by MediaManager software whenever a new media file is added to those specific folders. Watched Folders can contain audio, video, image files, or any combination of the three. Your Playlists and/or Slideshows will appear at the MediaPlayer user interface on the TV without having to manually "Scan" and "Save" on MediaManager back at the PC.

To add a Watched Folder:

1. Open the MediaManager and select the Watched Folders sub-category above "My Media Files."
2. Right-click in the Watched Folder windowpane, and select "New."
3. Browse to the folder you want to watch, and click OK.
4. Choose the types of media you want MediaManager to scan for and click OK.

Note: The Watched Folders feature is only supported on Windows 2000, XP Home, and XP Pro.

To delete a Watched Folder:

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Open the MediaManager and find the Watched Folder sub-category.

2. Right-click on the folder you want to delete. The right-click menu appears.

3. Select "Delete."

The Watched Folder is deleted.

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the folder you want to delete. The folder is highlighted.

2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard.

The Watched Folder is deleted from the Watched Folders list.

Web Bookmarks

You can enter your favorite Web sites for display under "My Bookmarks" on the Web screen on the MediaPlayer's TV user interface.

To add a bookmark:

1. Click on "Web Bookmarks" to highlight this media category.

2. Right-click in the area that lists your bookmarks. A right-click menu appears.

3. Select "New" from the menu. A dialog box appears to add a new bookmark.

4. Enter a name for your bookmark and the Web site address (URL).

5. Click OK when you are done with your entry.

Your entry appears in your Web Bookmarks and will be accessible from the MediaPlayer's Web screen at the TV user interface.

To delete a bookmark:

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Right-click on the bookmark you want to delete.
   The right-click menu appears.

2. Select "Delete."

The bookmark is deleted.

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the bookmark you want to delete. The file name
   is highlighted.

2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard.

The bookmark is deleted.

Stock Data

Home Screen Information Entry

You can select up to 20 stock symbols to appear on the MediaPlayer
Home screen.

To add a stock:

1. Click on "Stock Data" to highlight this media category.

2. Right-click in the area that lists your stocks and select "New."
   A dialog box appears to add a new stock symbol.

3. Enter the stock name and symbol.

4. Click the OK button when you are done with your entry.

Your entry appears in your Stock Data.

To delete a stock:

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Right-click on the stock you want to delete.
    The right-click menu appears.

2. Select "Delete."

The stock is deleted.

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the stock you want to delete.
    The file name is highlighted.

2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard.

The stock is deleted.

Weather Locale Information

Home Screen Information Entry

You can select one location to appear in the weather locale information section of the MediaPlayer Home screen.

To add a weather location:

1. Click on "Weather Locale" to highlight this media category.

2. Right-click in the area that lists your locations. A dialog box appears to add a new location.

3. Enter your zip code, city, and state (for Canada, enter your postal code, city and province).

4. Click the OK button when you are done with your entry.

Your entry appears in your Weather Locale information.

**To customize the information within
the weather info box on the TV:**

1. Right-click on "Weather Locale" under "My Custom Info."

2. Choose "Properties" to bring up the Weather Display Properties.

3. Uncheck or check items you want displayed on the TV.

4. Click OK to close the Weather Display Properties.

5. Click "Save" on MediaManager to save your changes.

To delete the weather location:

Option 1: Using right-click menus

1. Right-click on the location listing to delete. The right-click menu appears.

2. Select "Delete."

The city is deleted.

Option 2: Using the Delete key

1. Click on the city you want to delete. The city name is highlighted.

2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard.

The weather location is deleted.

PRISMIQ MediaPlayer

The PRISMIQ MediaPlayer allows you to do the following:

- Play video files from your PC
- Play audio files from your PC, listen to Internet radio stations
- View digital photos from your PC, create slideshows
- Browse the Web
- Receive dynamic personalized information
- Chat (instant message)

This section assumes that you have already set up the PRISMIQ MediaPlayer using the instructions in the Setup Guide. If you have not done this yet, please do so now. Then return to this section to start using the MediaPlayer.

Navigating Basics

Note: The instructions outlined here are for use with the standard MediaPlayer remote control. In most instances, these same instructions will also apply for the optional wireless keyboard (which can be purchased at www.PRISMIQ.com).

To get from screen to screen on the PRISMIQ MediaPlayer interface, do one of the following:

Getting around using the directional pad and the SELECT button

The directional pad on your remote control allows you to move the cursor up, down, left, and right on a screen. Depending on your screen location, text is highlighted or changes color to indicate where you are on the screen.

When text is highlighted or changes color, the item can be selected.

- To select an item, press the SELECT button on your remote control.

– OR –

- Press the HOME, VIDEO, AUDIO, IMAGES, WEB, or CHAT buttons on your remote control.

Note: For best results in navigating and selecting features, be sure to point the remote control directly at the MediaPlayer, rather than at the TV screen.

If you are ever confused as to where you are on the MediaPlayer TV user interface, press the 👓 button to get back to the Start screen.

Remote Control

Here's a look at the features available on your MediaPlayer remote control.

1 POWER
  • To put the MediaPlayer in/out of sleep mode.

2 HOME
  • Takes you to the Home screen.

3 VIDEO
  • Takes you to the Video screen.

4 AUDIO
  • Takes you to the Audio and Internet Radio screen.

5 IMAGES
  • Takes you to the Images screen.

6 WEB
  • Takes you to the Web screen.

7 CHAT
  • Takes you to the Chat screen.

8 BACK
  • Takes you to the last screen visited (Web only).

9 DIRECTIONAL PAD
  • Allows you to move the cursor up, down, left, and right on a screen.
  • When viewing an image full-screen, use to move back or forward among images.

10 PRISMIQ BUTTON
  • Returns you to the Start screen.

11 FULL SCREEN
  • Toggles between full screen and small screen modes.
  • When viewing an image full-screen, use to get back to thumbnail view.

12 SELECT
  • Selects the item you've highlighted on the screen.
  • When in the Images thumbnail mode, use to select an image for full-screen viewing.

13 PAGE + -
  • Scrolls up or down one screen in a list of video or audio files, on a Web page, or scrolling through news stories on the Home screen.

14 ALPHA-NUMERIC KEYS
  • Used to enter numbers and letters on various screens.
  • Press multiple times to scroll through alphanumeric groupings (similar to the keypad on a mobile phone).
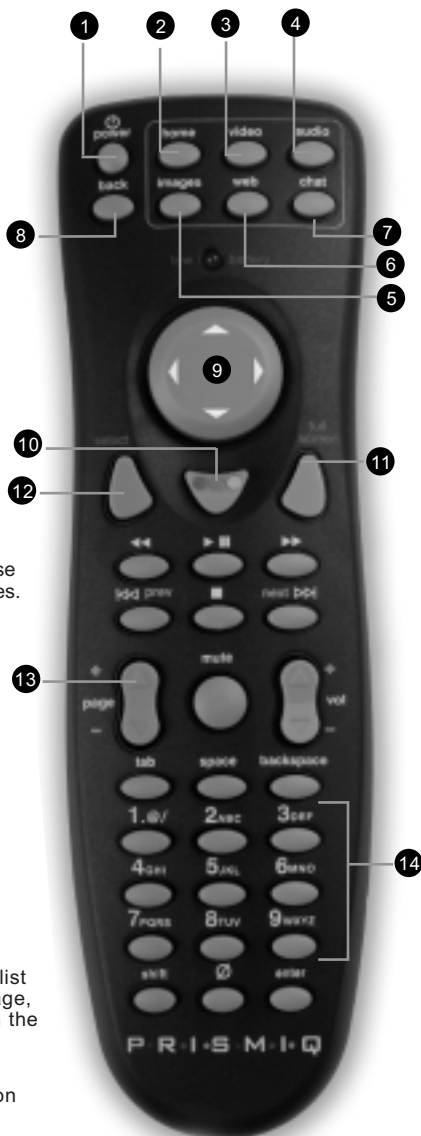
Entering text using the remote control

To enter text in the Web or Chat sections:

1. Move the cursor to the section and press SELECT.

2. Press the number keys on the remote to quickly cycle through all the characters on the remote, just like you might enter characters on a cell phone. For example, pressing the "2" button four times in a row will produce "2, a, b, c" in the same position. The cursor advances after about one or two seconds, so wait a moment after you push the button.

3. When you have finished entering a URL, press ENTER to go that site.

Note: A wireless keyboard for the MediaPlayer is sold separately.
See www.PRISMIQ.com to order.

Turning on the MediaPlayer

You need to use the MediaPlayer remote control and your TV remote control to start using your MediaPlayer. Depending on your setup, you may also need your VCR remote control. To use the MediaPlayer, you need a TV, an Internet connection (wired or wireless), and a PC with an Internet connection. Your PC must be on and running MediaManager in order for the MediaPlayer to play videos, listen to audio, or view images. You can still browse the Web, chat, and listen to Internet radio on the MediaPlayer without running MediaManager.

Note: The MediaManager does not provide an Internet connection. It uses your existing Internet connection to browse the Web and chat. Your Internet connection must be active in order to browse the Web or chat using the MediaPlayer.

To start using the MediaPlayer:

1. Turn on your TV.

2. Make sure your TV is set to receive the MediaPlayer's input via the TV's TV/Video selection.

   • For more information on how to do this, please refer to the Setup Guide.

3. Make sure your PC is on, and the PRISMIQ MediaManager software is running.

4. Make sure your MediaPlayer is on. Two green lights on the MediaPlayer's front panel (beneath the PRISMIQ logo) indicate that it is on *and* connected to a PC.

If you do not see the two green lights, press the POWER button on your MediaPlayer's remote control to take the MediaPlayer out of sleep mode.

The MediaPlayer Start screen appears.

PRISMIQ MediaPlayer Start Screen

Whenever you turn on your MediaPlayer, you'll be presented with the Start screen. It provides you easy access to all of the functions of the MediaPlayer. The Start screen is the starting point for your navigation within the PRISMIQ MediaPlayer. Press the PRISMIQ button on your remote control at any time to get back to this starting point. The Start screen is also selectable from the top navigation menu throughout the TV user interface.

Below you'll find a brief description of each menu item. Each feature is described in detail in subsequent sections.

Video

Play your MPEG and AVI* video files.

Audio

Play your MP3, WMA, and WAV audio files and your favorite pre-selected Internet radio stations.

Images

View digital photos and display Slideshows.

Home

View up-to-date news, stocks, and weather information.

Web

Visit Web sites.

Chat

Exchange instant messages with your friends.

Setup

Customize your settings or wireless configuration, turn off voice cues, change the mouse-on-screen to DVD style, configure screen save time, adjust sharpness, contrast and the like. See the Setup Guide for more information.

PRISMIQ MediaPlayer Main Menu

The Main menu selections are available from any screen in the MediaPlayer except the Web browser. These menu selections allow you to quickly move to each feature. Below you'll find a brief description of each menu item. Each feature is described in detail in subsequent sections.
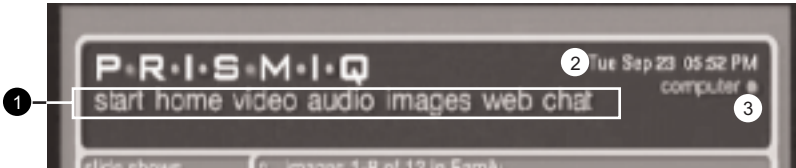
PRIMIQ MediaPlayer Main menu

❶ Main menu

❷ Current date and time

❸ Computer connection status; it will be green if connected to a PC, or red if no PC is found.

Home

The Home screen is divided into two major sections: the Main menu section (visible on most other screens), and dynamic content that lets you see the latest weather, stocks and news. The dynamic content is updated automatically every 10 minutes while MediaManager is running.

Here's a look at the Home screen.

Weather

View weather forecasts for your local area.

Stock Quotes

View stock market information.

You can choose your weather and stock ticker content by using the MediaManager software on your PC. See the MediaManager section of this User Guide for details on configuring your information.

In the News

View and read the latest news listed under categories such as: Top News, Finance, Technology, Politics, Entertainment and Health. When you select a news story to read, a window opens in the upper section of the screen and displays the text.

To select a news category to see the different items available:

1. Use the directional pad to move the cursor over the Up/Down arrows on the right-hand side of the screen and press SELECT.
2. Scroll up and down through the different categories.
3. Highlight a category and press SELECT.

Under each category a list of the of the latest headline news appears.

To select a news item to read:

1. Using the directional pad to move the cursor, highlight the item you want and press SELECT. The news text appears in a window above the topic selections.
2. Scroll through the text using the scroll bar on the right or the page up and down buttons.

You can press the FULL SCREEN button on your remote, or "+/-" on the item you're reading to toggle between full screen and the standard view.

To return to the default Home page, select Previous.

Note: Additional "portal modules" may become available with free future software upgrades, enabling enhanced personalized information to be displayed in addition to weather, stocks and news on the Home screen.

Indicators

A green light next to "computer" on the Home screen indicates the MediaPlayer is connected to your computer and able to receive audio, video and image files. A red light indicates the MediaPlayer is not connected to a PC running MediaManager.

Check your PC connection or refer to the Setup Guide for troubleshooting tips.

Video

The Video feature allows you to view all of your videos, browse your video Playlists, and play videos from the files that have been imported using the MediaManager software. The MediaPlayer supports the following formats: MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, and AVI*. Additional formats may be supported in the future via software upgrades.

When viewing MPEG-4 or AVI, please be aware that your PC will use a greater amount of your CPU and memory than usual. If you have any difficulties when playing these video files, you may want to close other applications.

Note: You must first scan your video files into MediaManager in order to make them available for play on the MediaPlayer. To learn how to import videos, please refer to page 8.

Also note that files downloaded from the Internet may be of varying quality, which may impact picture and sound playback on the MediaPlayer.

PRISMIQ does not advocate downloading pirated/illegal content. Please ensure that content played with the PRISMIQ MediaPlayer does not violate copyright laws.

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Here's a look at the Video screen.
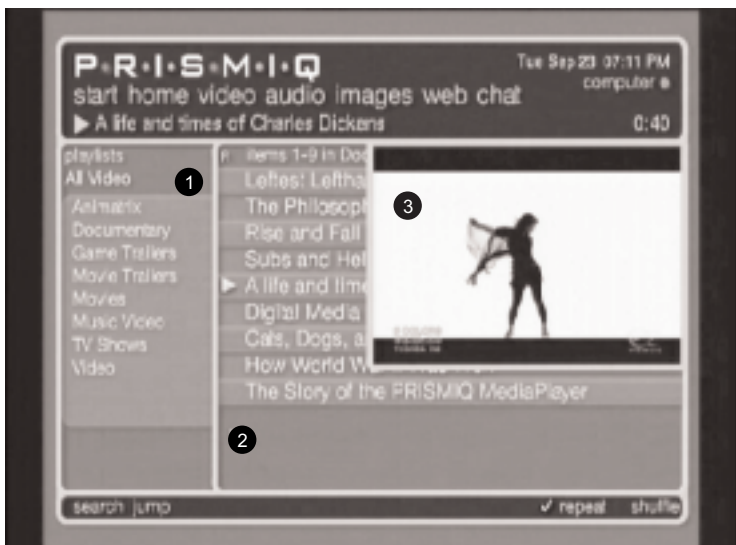
1 Video playlists

2 Video files

3 Video preview window

Video Playlists

Playlists are set up with the MediaManager software on your PC.

To view a list of videos in a Playlist:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor and highlight the Playlist you want to see.
2. Press the SELECT button on your remote control. A list of videos for the selected Playlist appears.

To play a video:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to move the cursor and highlight a video you want to watch.
2. Press the SELECT button. The video begins to play.
   • If you want to play the video in full-screen mode, press the FULL SCREEN button on your remote control. To return to small screen mode, press the FULL SCREEN button again.

When the video has finished playing, the MediaPlayer will continue to play the rest of the Playlist, then return to the Video screen.

Note: If you add/delete video files or edit your Playlists with the MediaManager software while you are viewing the Video screen, those changes may not immediately appear on the MediaPlayer. To see these changes, press "Video" again on the TV user interface.

To search for a Video:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.
2. Choose search options, and type a search term into the "Search For" text box.
3. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.

To clear a search:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.
2. Use the directional pad to highlight "Clear Search Results," and press the SELECT button.

Controlling Video Playback

- To pause or start/resume playback, press the ▶❚❚ button on your remote control.
- To stop playback, press the ■ on your remote control. This takes you back to the Video screen.
- To move forward in the video, press the ▶▶ button on your remote control. This moves you forward one minute.
- To move backward in the video, press the ◀◀ button on your remote control. This moves you backward one minute.
- To raise or lower the volume, press the volume key on your remote control.
- To mute the audio, press the mute key on your remote control.
- To go to the next video in your Playlist, press the next ▶▶❙ button on your remote control.
- To go back to the previous video in your Playlist, press the previous ❙◀◀ button on your remote control.

Note: Press the SELECT button multiple times to cycle through 4:3, 16:9, and 2.35:1 aspect ratios

Playback controls for Video are also accessible by using these buttons on your remote control while in other screens of the MediaPlayer.

Use the 0 key on your remote control to cycle through multiple audio tracks, if present.

The fast-forward and rewind functions work for MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 content only.

Controlling Video Playback Using "Jump"

While a video file is playing, selecting "Jump" will bring up a pop-up box that allows you to jump to a particular point in the video file.

Advanced Video Features (Experts Only)

The PRISMIQ MediaManager software includes advanced features to control the delivery of your digital content. You can adjust this setting for playback of various types of high-quality media content, such as MPEG-4 or AVI*.

On your PC running MediaManager software:

1. Right-click on the MediaManager icon in your system tray and select "Show," and then select "Media Server."
2. Click on the "Configure" button.
3. Adjust the plug-in slider bar to the desired bitrate.

Note: Increasing the plug-in bitrate will cause your PC to work harder and may cause undesired results if you have a slower system.

Click "?" on this screen to get more information and usage options.

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Audio

The Audio feature allows you to view all of your audio files, browse your audio Playlists, and play your audio files and Internet radio stations through the MediaManager software on your PC.

Note: You must first scan your audio files into MediaManager in order to make them available for play on the MediaPlayer. To learn how to scan audio, please refer to page 8.

Files downloaded from the Internet may be of varying quality, which may impact picture and sound playback of video and audio files.

Here's a look at the Audio screen.

1 All Audio list and individual Audio Playlists

2 Internet Radio Playlist

3 Audio files or Internet radio stations

Controlling Audio playback

- To pause or start/resume playback, press the ▶❙❙ button on your remote control.
- To stop playback, press the ■ button on your remote control. This takes you back to the Audio screen.
- To move forward in the song, press the ▶▶ button on your remote control. This moves you forward one minute.
- To move backward in the song, press the ◀◀ button on your remote control. This moves you backward one minute.
- To raise or lower the volume, press the volume key on your remote control.
- To mute the audio, press the mute key on your remote control.
- To go to the next song in your Playlist, press the next ▶▶❙ button on your remote control.
- To go back to the previous song in your Playlist, press the ❙◀◀ button on your remote control.

Note: Playback controls for Audio are also accessible by using these buttons on your remote control while in other screens of the MediaPlayer.

Controlling Audio Playback Using "Jump"

While an audio file is playing, selecting "Jump" will bring up a pop-up box that allows you to jump to a particular point in the audio file.

Audio Playlists

Audio Playlists are set up with the MediaManager software on your PC.

To view a list of songs in a Playlist:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor and highlight the Playlist you want to see.
2. Press the SELECT button on your remote control.

A list of songs for the selected Playlist appears.

To play an audio file:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor and highlight the song you want to hear.
2. Press the SELECT button on your remote control.

The song begins to play.

When the song has finished playing, the MediaPlayer will continue to play the rest of the Playlist, then return to the Audio screen.

Note: If you add/delete audio files or edit your Playlists with the MediaManager software while you are viewing the Audio screen, those changes may not immediately appear on the MediaPlayer. To see these changes, press "Audio" again on the TV user interface.

To search through Audio:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.
2. Choose search options, and type a search term into the "Search For" text box.
3. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.

To clear a search:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.
2. Use the directional pad to highlight "Clear Search Results," and press the SELECT button.

Internet Radio

To view a list of stations:

1. Select Audio from the Main menu or press AUDIO on the remote control.
2. Use the directional pad on your remote control to highlight Internet Radio.
3. Press the SELECT button on your remote control. A list of stations you have imported under Internet Radio appears.
4. Highlight the station you want and press SELECT. The music or audio begins to play.

To stop the Internet radio stream, press the STOP button on your remote.

If a station has too many players or if there is Internet congestion, the station may not play, and you will need to try another station. Internet congestion may also cause a station that is currently playing to abort.

Images

The MediaPlayer's Images feature allows you to view digital images on your TV by scanning your digital image files into the PRISMIQ MediaManager.

Note: You must first scan your image files into MediaManager in order to make them available to play on the MediaPlayer. To learn how to scan images, please refer to page 8.

Here's a look at the Images screen on your TV.

1 Image Slideshows that you've created using the MediaManager software.

2 All image files that you've scanned into the MediaManager.

3 Thumbnails of your images.

Slideshows

Slideshows are set up with the MediaManager software on your PC. To learn how to create a Slideshow, please refer to page 12.

To view a list of images in a Slideshow on your TV:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor and highlight the Slideshow you want to see.

2. Once you've pointed to the Slideshow you want to see, press the SELECT button on your remote control.

A series of thumbnail images for the selected Slideshow appears.

To view an image file full screen on your TV:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor and highlight the image you want to see.

2. Once you've pointed to the image you want to see, press the SELECT button on your remote control.

The image appears full screen. To go back to thumbnail screens press FULL SCREEN.

To start a Slideshow on your TV:

1. Use the directional pad on the remote control to highlight the name of the Slideshow and press SELECT.

2. Choose any image within the Slideshow and press SELECT to start the Slideshow at that particular image.

The Slideshow begins.

Note: To automatically advance the Slideshow, see page 14.

To move forward or backward in a Slideshow on your TV:

• Using the directional pad on the remote control, press the right or top-side to move forward and press the left or bottom-side to move backward for Slideshows where auto-advance has not been set.

To stop a Slideshow on your TV:

• Press the IMAGES or FULL SCREEN button on the remote control.

Note: if you have selected audio to play with your Slideshow, you can press the ■ button on the remote control to stop the audio. To learn how to play audio with your Slideshow, please refer to page 14.

Note: If you add/delete image files or edit your Slideshows with the MediaManager software while you are viewing the Images screen, those changes may not immediately appear on the MediaPlayer. You should save the changes to MediaManager with the "Save" button and refresh the Images screen on the TV by selecting "Images" again on the TV user interface.

To view pages of thumbnail screens on your TV:

• On the remote control, use the "Page-" button to page down and the "Page+" button to page up through pages of thumbnail images.

To control audio when viewing images on your TV:

The media management buttons on the remote control (Play/Pause, Fast-Forward, Rewind, Stop, Previous, Next, and Mute) are all active when viewing images in full screen mode. These control the AUDIO and not the images.

If a song has not been previously selected or is not associated with a Slideshow, the last media file that was used will be played when pressing the ⏸▶ button.

To search through Images:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.
2. Choose search options, and type a search term into the "Search For" text box.
3. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.

To clear a search:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to control the cursor, highlight "Search," and press the SELECT button.
2. Use the directional pad to highlight "Clear Search Results," and press the SELECT button.

Web

From the Web screen, you can access the Web sites you've saved on the MediaManager software or go directly to any Web site. When you press the WEB button, the Web browser opens with a Web page that contains your bookmarks and the following options: Search; Web Mail; Local Info; News, Weather and Finance; Entertainment and Sports; and My Bookmarks.

Note: You may experience a slight delay before the browser opens. Your media files will continue to play while you browse the Web.

Here's a look at the Web screen.

Navigation Overview:

1. Click on the "Web" menu item or press the WEB button on the remote to go to the Web screen.

2. The first page you'll see on your TV web browser is a categorization of useful sites, as shown in the screen shot above. Click on any of the rectangular buttons to navigate to a list of sites per category.

3. To scroll to text or graphics that are off the visible screen area, move the mouse to the edge of the screen in the direction you want to move to. The visible screen area will automatically move in that direction.

Note: Browser performance on the MediaPlayer set-top box will not match browser performance on a PC due to the nature of embedded systems.

To visit a Web site you've saved as a Web Bookmark:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to move the cursor over "My Bookmarks," and press SELECT.

2. Move the cursor over the bookmark you want, and press SELECT.

The Web site appears.

To enter text:

1. Use the directional pad on your remote control to move the cursor to the URL entry section.

2. Press SELECT twice to highlight. You can then enter text or press BACKSPACE to clear the entry.

3. Press the number keys on the remote to quickly cycle through all the characters on the remote. For example, pressing the 2 button four times in a row will produce "2, a, b, c" in the same position, much like a cell phone. The cursor will advance after a few seconds, so wait before entering a new letter.

4. When you have finished entering a web site address, press ENTER on the remote control to go to that site.

The Web site appears.

Note: An optional wireless keyboard can be ordered from www.PRISMIQ.com for easier text entry.

To change font settings:

1. Click on the toolbox icon (on the right side of the URL line).

2. Select "Font settings" and choose the desired font size.

To exit your Web browser:

Press the HOME, VIDEO, AUDIO, IMAGES or CHAT buttons on your remote control. Or select the X button in the top right corner of the screen, which will take you back to the Start screen.

Chat

Using PRISMIQ's Instant Messenger, you can exchange private instant messages with anyone who uses AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) 6.0 or higher. If you do not have an AIM account, you will need to go to www.aol.com to sign up.

Note: Video and audio will continue to play in the media box of the Chat screens.

Here's a look at the Chat screen.

To send an instant message:

1. Sign on to your account by entering your screen name and pass-word, and clicking the SIGN ON button.

   Note: The "Save Password" checkbox is defaulted to checked in order to save your screen name and password for the next time you sign on.

2. Your buddy list appears in the bottom right of the screen.

3. Use the directional pad to move the cursor over the name of a buddy you want to send an instant message to.

4. Do one of the following to select a buddy:

   • Double-click a buddy name using the SELECT button on your remote control.

   • Single-click a buddy name using the SELECT button on your remote control to highlight the name, and press the ENTER key.

5. Type your message in the bottom left box.

6. Click the ENTER button on your remote control to send the message.

The message is sent and appears in the upper portion of the screen. Messages you receive will also appear in this area.

To set your status to "away":

1. Use the directional pad to move the cursor over "away."

2. Press the SELECT button on your remote control.

3. The "away" window displays with the text "I am watching TV now."

To customize your "away" message:

1. Use the directional pad to move the cursor over the "away" message.

2. Press SELECT on your remote control.

The "away" message appears as editable text.

3. Enter your customized "away" message.

4. Use the directional pad to move the cursor over the UPDATE button and press the SELECT button on your remote control.

Your customized away message appears in the "away" window.

Note: Your customized "away" message is saved for your current session only. The next time you sign on, the "away" message will revert to its default.

To set your status to "back":

• Use the directional pad to move the cursor over BACK in the "away" window and press the SELECT button on your remote control.

The "away" window disappears.

To change your chat options:

1. Select the OPTIONS button on the Sign On screen or the Chat screen.

2. A list of options you can change appears. You can turn sound on or off; set font size to 12, 14, 18 or 24 point; or allow non-buddies.

3. To make your changes, use the directional pad to move the cursor over the OK button and press SELECT on your remote control to save your changes.

To sign off your account:

- Use the directional pad to move your cursor over QUIT, and press SELECT on your remote control.

You are signed off your account, and the CHAT Sign On screen appears.

Note: To add or remove buddies, use your PC-based AIM client.

An optional wireless keyboard can be ordered from www.PRISMIQ.com for easier text entry.

Update Firmware

You can easily update your MediaPlayer's firmware by receiving new software over your home network. This software is delivered from the PC that is running the PRISMIQ MediaManager software. To update your MediaPlayer's firmware, the MediaPlayer must have a connection to the PC running the MediaManager software. First you must update the MediaManager software, then you can update the MediaPlayer firmware.

On the Home screen on the TV, make sure the "computer" indicator located just below the date in the top right corner has a green light next to it, to confirm that the MediaPlayer is connected to the MediaManager.

To update the MediaPlayer firmware:

Once you have upgraded your PC software (MediaManager) a pop-up message will appear at the MediaPlayer's user interface on the TV, prompting you to update the MediaPlayer set-top firmware. Move the cursor over "update firmware" and press select.

After a few seconds, the MediaPlayer will reset itself and begin the firmware update process. You will see a series of messages above a status bar as the Firmware is being updated. Please wait a few minutes until this process is complete. The MediaPlayer will reboot itself and begin using the new firmware once the firmware update process is complete.

To manually force an update of the MediaPlayer firmware, do the following:

1. Load the Start screen by pressing the PRISMIQ button on the remote control.
2. Use the directional pad on your remote control to move the cursor over "Setup," and press SELECT on your remote control.
2. Move the cursor over "Update Firmware," and press SELECT.
3. Move the cursor over "Update now," and press SELECT.

After a few seconds, the MediaPlayer will reset itself and begin the firmware update process. You will see a series of messages above a status bar as the Firmware is being updated. Please wait a few minutes until this process is complete. The MediaPlayer will reboot itself and begin using the new firmware once the firmware update process is complete.

Note: A pop-up message will appear in MediaManager when a new software/firmware release is available. You can also check http://www.PRISMIQ.com for the latest software

Technical Specifications

CPU / system board

- NEC uPD61130 32-bit MIPS microprocessor with integrated MPEG decoder
- 16 MBytes of flash ROM
- 64 MBytes of SDRAM

Output interfaces

- 1 S-video
- 1 composite video
- 1 S/PDIF
- 2 RCA audio (L/R stereo)

Network interfaces

- 1 Ethernet interface, 10/100BaseT
- 1 CardBus/PCMCIA card slot for 802.11a/b/g
- 1 remote IR receiver

Video formats

- MPEG-1, MPEG-2, VOB (at the STB)
- MPEG-4, Motion-JPEG, AVI* (transcoded at PC)

Audio formats

- MP3, MP2, WMA, AC3-in (at the STB)
- WAV, additional (transcoded at PC)
- Shoutcast and WMA Internet radio

Graphics formats

- JPEG, GIF, PNG
- JPEG digital photos

Digital audio

- 18-bit stereo and S/PDIF

Power requirements

- AC adapter
- Input: 100-250V~47~63Hz 0.4A
- Output: 5V-2.4A

Set-top software

- Linux 2.4 OS
- Embedded Web browser
- AOL-compatible Instant Messaging

Standards compliance

- Product safety: CSA 60950-00/UL 60950
- Electromagnetic: EN55022B, EN5502
- Compatibility: FCC Class B

Dimensions (set-top box)

- 9" x 1.5" x 5.25" (W x H x D)
- 1.5 lbs.

Optional Components

- Wireless keyboard

PC Requirements for MediaManager Software

- 300 MHz Pentium II or faster PC (700 MHz Pentium III or faster PC for MPEG-4 or AVI* file playback)
- Windows® 98 SE, ME, 2000, XP operating systems
- 65 MB of available HD space (not including media files)
- 128 MB RAM (256 MB recommended)

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